

CELEBRATING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARIZONA PBS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Arizona PBS and to celebrate its long history of service to the children of the City of Phoenix and the State of Arizona.

Arizona PBS is dedicated to supporting students, families and educators with content focused on national, common core and state standards.

Since 2010, the Arizona PBS Educational Outreach team has reached nearly 750,000 families and more than 60,000 teachers and teachers-in-training across the state through large-scale events and special community development workshops.

In addition, Arizona PBS provides educational assets through the Arizona PBS LearningMedia online portal in English, Spanish and Navajo, as well as professional development services to help guide individuals into careers in early childhood education.

I am especially grateful for PBS's efforts to help families from diverse backgrounds to prepare their children to enter kindergarten by providing free online apps and games as well as off-screen activities for early learning.

Last month, Arizona PBS launched a 24/7 children's channel, Arizona PBS KIDS, featuring an array of programming to help young children master important skills, ranging from reading and basic math and science to problem solving and emotional skills. This new channel is available over the air and online to educate, entertain and inspire children of all backgrounds across Arizona.

In closing, I want to recognize an event held in my district on February 17, 2018 in which PBS invited children and families to the heart of downtown to celebrate education, community and exploration.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to once again pay tribute to the outstanding work of Arizona PBS in helping to mold the young minds and future leaders of our great state.

L.G. EVERIST, INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud L.G. Everist, Inc. for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneer spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. L.G. Everist has demonstrated longevity and sustained growth within the Commerce City community for over 26 years and just celebrated its 140th year in business. This family owned company provides construction aggregates, transload/bulk services, dimensional stone, decorative stone, rail services, and water storage. The business has spanned five generations of owners and has employed other several multi-generation families.

In 2016, L.G. Everist expanded its facility and is now well-positioned to accommodate the next phase of growth to meet the growing needs for transloading bulk construction products across the Denver metro region. L.G. Everist values every opportunity to contribute to its community through economic development and enhancing the lives of employees, families, and the community as a whole.

I extend my deepest congratulations to L.G. Everist, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING MARK VAN EYCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Van Eyck. Mark is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 522, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mark has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mark has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Mark remodeled a youth area at his church, Harmony Vineyard, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FRANCISCO CHARGUALAF
MENO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco C. Meno. Francisco was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant, and a dear friend. He was born on November 28, 1939 to Felipe Q. and Fidela Chargualaf Meno, and he passed away on February 6, 2018 at the age of 78.

Francisco graduated from George Washington High School and went on to marry the love of his life, Rosa Rivera Meno. Together with Rosa, Francisco cared for his children and provided for his family. He was a member of Guam's greatest generation who survived the occupation of Guam during World War II. Francisco went on to serve our local community as a fire fighter with the Guam Fire Department. He was fondly known as "Chief," served in the Guam Fire Department for thirty years, retiring in 1988 as the department's Fire Chief.

In addition to his career as a fire fighter, Francisco was a skilled carpenter, mason, and fisherman. He was recognized by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency as

a Master of Chamorro Tradition as a "Master Kakahat Sagualle" or "Master Hut Builder." Francisco's huts were a part of many special celebrations throughout the island. He also graciously passed on his knowledge of hut building to all those who were willing to learn. Francisco was a firm believer of the need to pass down the traditions and culture of the Chamorro people. He also gave his time and talent to build many things for his village parish of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inarajan.

Francisco's true passion in life was fishing. Francisco was known as a skilled fisherman and always shared his catch with family and friends. His involvement in village events and service in public safety were testaments of his leadership and commitment to the community of Guam.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Francisco C. Meno, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and remembering his many contributions to our island and his village of Inarajan. I extend my condolences to his wife Rosa, their children Frank, Joseph, Rosanne, Kurt, Brian, Dorinda, Melanie, Roderick, Vanessa, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

RECOGNIZING MS. KRISTY BAXTER
FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE
UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON IN-
TERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young Australian who is currently interning in my Washington D.C. office. Kristy Baxter came to our office as part of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) and has been a valuable contributor to our efforts on behalf of New York's Tenth Congressional District.

UCWIP has worked with congressional offices to foster strong ties and understanding between the United States and Australian governments by bringing the best and the brightest from top Australian universities to intern on Capitol Hill. I am proud to have personally hosted 14 Australians since 2003—each bringing their own unique outlooks on policy and desire to contribute.

Kristy, a student from Deakin University, studying a Bachelor of International Studies, has interned in our office since January and has quickly proved herself to be a highly valuable member of our team. Over the past weeks, it has been a pleasure to see her swiftly develop into an increasingly confident and pro-active individual. Her innate curiosity to learn, matched with her willingness to work hard, saw her tasked with researching Medicare and the healthcare industry, tax havens and financial secrecy as well as attending foreign affairs briefings on difficulties with post-conflict transition in Colombia and the involvement of the U.S. intelligence community in Sudan. Kristy is an exceptionally calm and affable presence in the office and encounters everyone she meets with respect. Through